

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
SPECIAL MEETING
STEWART RIVER SUBORDINATE SEWER DISTRICT
December 11, 2012

A special meeting of The Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek – Stewart River Subordinate Sewer District – was held on Tuesday December 11, 2012 at the Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible future directions for the SRSSD. Present were Supervisors – Mike Hoops, Greg Hull, Larry Lampart; Clerk – Frederick R. Whitney; Lake County Commissioner – Rich Sve; Lake County Administrator – Matthew Huddleston; Wenck Engineering – Eric Blasing and Peter Daniels.

Hoops called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

1. Is there other land we can look into? The County and Town land has revealed wetland impact would be needed. Is there any other land that has been disturbed which is large enough and close enough for use for ponds?

Direction – The Township will continue pursuing other parcels of land.

2. After discussion with Dennis Tabbert of the Minnesota Rural Development, RD will not fund any portion of a project that would impact a wetland. In other words, RD would not fund the collection portion of the project if PFA would fund the treatment. In order to obtain RD funds the treatment site must not impact a wetland.

Direction – Due to the costs of the project, some \$2 million dollars could be obtained from RD, the Township will continue to pursue options that do not impact wetlands.

3. Is Silver Creek open to looking at other technologies that would not utilize as much area? This would likely be a packaged plant or media filter with land application. Again, wetlands cannot be impacted but we would be dealing with less area. While perhaps lower up-front costs, this approach would be more labor intensive and the soil dispersal component would operate year round.

Direction – The Township is open to utilizing this option. While the Town will continue to pursue the ponding system option, Eric Blasing will produce cost estimates as they relate to overall project costs as well as ongoing maintenance and operating costs. These estimates will be made available to the SRSSD in January.

4. After walking the land owned by Silver Creek, we have concluded this land cannot site full use of ponds. However, between the Town and County land, the Town land appears to be more favorable in terms of the extent of wetland and topography. This appears to be a better site between the two if a packaged plant with land application is pursued.

Direction – The Board agreed.

5. What about phasing the project or omitting some of the spur streets to limit cost and/or treatment system size?

Direction – The phased in approach appears to be very favorable. This will allow for lower up-front costs. As the plant becomes operational and revenues begin to stream in, expansion could then occur. The cost estimates being prepared by Wenck, as well as the evaluation of the favorable site mentioned above, all will be created utilizing the phased in approach. All site, costs and construction planning will include the ability to expand beyond our year 2030 estimated levels. Buildings will be placed upon the land where future buildings would be built adjacent to and in the most efficient manner.

6. Schedule: in order to be placed on the 2014 Intended Use Plan, a wastewater facility plan amendment will need to be submitted to the MPCA by March 1, 2013. A PER addendum does not have a due date but should be submitted around the same time or soon after depending upon fieldwork required.

Direction – Eric Blasing will contact the MPCA to find out to what extent we would need to prepare our resubmitted application. In that our application had already been approved, we are now altering the application perhaps based upon a filtering system, a smaller footprint, but all other components remain. Do we need to meet the March 1, 2013 deadline? If so, to what extent – soil testing, GEO mapping – do we need to present.

7. Fieldwork: any further fieldwork including soils and/or wetlands will need to be completed on other pursued land(s).

Direction – Agreed, but while we could not have this work completed by the March 1, 2013 deadline, what are our options with the MPCA application process; if any? Eric Blasing will also contact the Lake County engineer, Al Goodman for any possible soils and GEO data that he may have regarding the residential sites that will be a part of the SRSSD.

ADJOURN:

Hull made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm, second by Lampart. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick R. Whitney, Clerk